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LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 197 – 203

At a Meeting of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 20 September, 2017, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. F. Akhtar

Cllrs.

M. V. Davies	S. N. Lewis
T. Devichand	A. G. Morgan
P. M. Edwards	J. S. Phillips
H. J. Evans	W. V. Thomas

197. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. M. Donoghue, E. Simmons, C. A. Rees (Cllr. M. V. Davies deputising), A. J. Rogers (Cllr. S. N. Lewis deputising) and I. G. Wooldridge.

198. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

**199. VAUXHALL BUILDINGS
KEY FOBS**

Cllr. A. G. Morgan had requested that key fobs were made available for Members to gain access to the corridor entrance door and the Council Chamber at Vauxhall Buildings.

RESOLVED that key fobs be obtained for Members.

**200. ELECTORAL REFORM IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT
IN WALES**

Members received a consultation document from the Welsh Government, on the Electoral Reform in Local Government in Wales.

The consultation document concentrated on the franchise for local elections, the registration of electors, voting procedures and systems, standing as a candidate and the returning officer function.

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Following consideration of the questions set out in the accompanying questionnaire response document it was

RESOLVED that the Deputy Clerk responds to the consultation document as agreed by Members.

201. WELSH GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER CONSULTATION SERVICES FIT FOR THE FUTURE

Members considered a consultation document received from the Hywel Dda Community Health Council on a Welsh Government White Paper Consultation – “Services fit for the future” that proposed changes for health and social care.

The consultation document covered four main areas, these were:

- Effective governance of health boards, including board membership and composition and the role of the board secretary;
- Duty of quality for the population of Wales and a duty of candour for all NHS organisations;
- Person-centred health and care which included setting and meeting common standards, including joint investigation of health and social care complaints;
- Effective citizen voice, co-production and clear inspection.

Following a discussion, whereby Members were supportive of the importance of retaining Community Health Councils (CHC) and that the role of the CHC should be strengthened and not weakened with individual CHCs being linked with hospital areas with over-arching central community health councils.

RESOLVED that the Deputy Clerk responds to the consultation document highlighting the views of Members.

202. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1960

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the following matter be considered in private and that the power of exclusion of the public under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act, 1960) be exercised.

203. STAFFING MATTERS

Members considered the report of the Deputy Clerk informing of staffing matters.

RESOLVED that the report referenced 09:2017 be accepted.

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The meeting concluded at 6.05 p.m.

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The afore-mentioned Minutes were declared to be a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman presiding thereat and were, on 10 October, 2017, adopted by the Council.